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SEVEN AGES OF MAN



N-O-W!

For lovers of symbolism we present another color plate, rich in meaning. Those who delight in Meditation will find much in this plate to occupy their thoughts. Appealing as symbols do to the higher type of mind, our Mayan Companions never fail to express their enjoyment of the messages self-revealed through deciphering these symbol drawings.

Our eye is first drawn to the Hour Glass, Symbol of Time, and whose very shape illustrates the Mayan Symbol of Time  and Being . Superimposed on the Hour Glass is the word "NOW" and, in the central letter, we again find the Mayan Symbol of Being.

"Now" -- this minute; this very instant is the most important moment of Your Life for this moment, and every moment that you live is in the NOW. When this moment passes it is gone but NOW remains. All the countless moments of the eons of past Time are important to you - NOW only. Summation of All the Past, Parent of All the future, NOW should never be wasted.

Always dedicate NOW to Good. Never defile NOW with even an unworthy thought. Because in the manner you treat NOW, so will you be treated in the future.

The thoughts revealed, and inspired by this picture seem particularly appropriate at this moment as You, our Beloved Companion, prepare to receive the honor of having new and higher Degrees bestowed upon you, and as you prepare to receive new and higher instruction, and as you approach nearer to secrets and mysteries beyond the ken of the outer world.

NOW is the principal part of KNOW. Only knowledge that you HAVE can help you NOW.

So it is fortunate that NOW is always here, and as long as we remain within the rays of NOW, we can correct our mistakes, build character, improve our intellect and in many ways become more worthy. But, if we refuse to do it NOW, the future exacts a payment -- multiplied. Our NOW is truly the parent of the future.

So if you have not already done so, put your house and your life in order, NOW. Do not wait for no man knoweth how long the light of opportunity to do shall last. Perhaps before another sun shall rise you or the one you love may be snatched into eternity. Don't put off until tomorrow that which you can do NOW.

Love, Happiness, Success, all the desirable things in this life belong to him who realizes the importance of NOW.

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Our Mayan artist has drawn eight figures grouped around the Hour Glass. And, as all Mayans know, eight is a symbol of Time. Seven of these figures represent the Seven Ages of Man.

They indicate that "man", no matter at what age in life, is living in the fiery magnetic rays of NOW. Regardless of Your age or condition in life, NOW is all you have. Therefore, make the most of every moment NOW.

The color red, or crimson, which illuminates the faces of the figures is the warm, living color - symbolic of the 4th and 5th Degrees. Red, in ancient initiations, represented Fire - and so - Spirit. Spirit is energy, and more, it is action. Its magnetic nature shapes things as we would have them and they are shaped in the image of the thoughts we think, and the deeds we do -- NOW.

Red is symbolic of zeal, fervency and ardor, and such should actuate all who are in possession of the sublime teachings which Mayanry has laid before you.

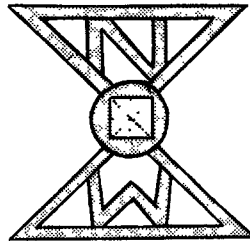
The red of Fire is symbolic of regeneration and purification, not only of souls but all the things that be. Red is the color of blood, of the warmest Light and of Love. Consider this drawing again, when you have received the passwords of the 4th and 5th Degrees.

Black represents the mystery of outer space. Study the picture again and see what it can reveal to you beyond these thoughts.

" . . . and that life which I NOW live
in the flesh I live in faith."

- Gal. 2:20

THE ETERNAL



THE MAYAN DOCTRINE OF ETERNAL LIFE

Summation of the First of Mayan Teachings

Concerning Human Rebirth

BELOVED COMPANION:

Again we greet you in the three perfections, recognized by Mayans in the symbol Δ .

By the practice of these you now prepare to enter a higher plane of service to humanity. For this monograph represents a summation of the important teachings revealed to you in the 3rd Degree of Mayanry. It completes a cycle in the development of your higher faculties.

Completes it? - yes, as the turning of the wheel represents the completing of a cycle - but there are many turnings of the Wheel of Life as it continues its journey on through the illusions called TIME and SPACE.

Soon you will be called upon to take part in a new initiation. The phases of your intelligence which have been newly awakened through the studies you have received and the revelations they should have brought to you should make this a tremendous and dynamic inspiration.

You will be awarded new honors in Mayanry. Certificates of your attainment of the 4th and 5th Degrees will come to you. And you will know the satisfaction of attainment in the very worthwhile effort of gaining wisdom and understanding.

Wisdom is an illusive thing, and understanding difficult to grasp. With some it is one thing today and another tomorrow. But to all, even those whom it seems to elude, the very seeking of it, if persistent, results in a glory of success.

That which is too easily attained is easily lost. By the very effort of our learning can we measure the greatness of our need for wisdom. And by the

extent of our labors do we receive that which we desire.

For the fruits of reward - when received unearned - lose their flavor and are not valued highly. But the joy and satisfaction of earned reward is lasting and its savor increases as it is seasoned through the years.

Like the seed of the fig that was sown in fruitful ground, it increases into an orchard. But, the orchard does not spring full-blown in one season. It must be watered when it is thirsty and tended and cultivated, and protected through the years if the fruits are to bring delight to the many.

And so: --

We draw to the close of our first researches into the Mayan teachings of human rebirth or the cyclic appearance of the soul upon this field of manifested existence.

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We have considered the sweep of the soul's experience through all its distant past. And glimpsed its Pathway into the Future.

The PAST and The FUTURE: - what is it?

You, Beloved Companion, are that Past and that Future yourself. The Past concerns you, however, not so much as the "past" than as the sum total of your experiences, sorrows, triumphs and achievements. THE PAST CONCERNS YOU ONLY AS YOU NOW ARE.

In you, - spiritually, mentally and emotionally, lies the mystery of the past -- the entire sweep of your countless lives.

The ancients have told us that there is but one REALITY, the ever-present moment or the eternal NOW. It is in this Now that we must seek truth, reality and experience. The NOW is the sum-total of the past and the creator of the future.

Choose well, Beloved Companion, and make the ever-present NOW the field of meritorious action and progressive thought. Each moment IS, and at once is NOT. When we think of the past we forget the present, and while we forget, the sweep of time passes on and there is more "past". The greatest teachings of world's saviours, wise men and philosophers revolve around this truth. That NOW is the time, the opportunity, the purpose and the aspirations of the present moment create the actions of the next.

In Δ , make the plans for your tomorrow NOW. Fail not and Life will not fail you. All the powers of the Universe are at your disposal.

CHOOSE WELL!

Edward Carpenter has revealed the secret of Time in his magnificent poem, THE SECRET OF TIME AND SATAN. He writes:

"And so at last I saw Satan appear before me--frighteningly, fully formed.

Feet first, with shining limbs, he glanced down from among the bushes.

And stood there erect, dark-skinned, with nostrils dilated with passion.

(In the burning, intolerable sunlight he stood, and I, in the shade of the bushes.)

Fierce and scathing the effluence of his eyes, and scornful of dreams and dreamers (he touched a rock hard by and it split with a sound like thunder.)

Fierce the magnetic influence of his dusky flesh; - his great foot well formed, was planted firm in the sand with spreading toes.

"Come out," he said, with a taunt, "Art thou afraid to meet me?"

And I answered not, but sprang upon him and smote him.

And he smote me a thousand times, and brashed and scorched and slew me as with hands of flame

And I was glad, for my body lay there dead; and I sprang upon him, again with another body.

And he turned upon me, and smote me a thousand times and slew that body;

And I was glad and sprang upon him again with another body;

And with another and another and again another.

And the bodies which I took yielded before him, and were like cinctures of flame upon me, but I flung them aside;

And the pains which I endured in one body were powers which I wielded in the next; and I grew in strength till at last I stood before him - complete, with a body like his own and equal in might - exultant in pride and joy.

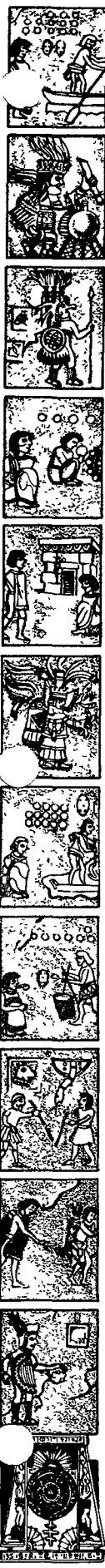
Then he ceased, and said, "I love thee."

And lo! his form changed and he leaned backwards and drew me upon him.

And bore me up into the air, and floated me over the topmost trees and the ocean, and round the curve of the earth under the Moon.

Till we stood in Paradise."





Life is immortal - only the body dies. And with each shedding of the body a new and stronger and better body takes its place--if we fight the good fight, until at last, by the strength of our righteousness we discover that there is no evil, that what seemed evil was merely that which by our overcoming, led to our growth and development and fitted us for the higher places.

The struggle is like a preparation for an initiation -- like the fearful things which hold back the timid mind, but is a challenge to the brave soul to go on and on, in Δ , until at last he is reborn in Paradise eternal.

We learn the secret of life and time in the Mayan Philosophy of the re-birth of the soul. The past is "dead" - but finds birth again in the present.

Today, Beloved Companion, life is ready to reveal its many-colored secrets to you for now you may look upon life with NEW MEANING AND PURPOSE.

Perhaps someone you loved has passed through the change we term death, and is now but a memory. You may have asked yourself, time and time again, did life altogether end when the functions of that dear one's body ceased? Or, was it merely the body that failed the activities of the Soul? Accident or illness, or even ripe old age perhaps laid its mark upon the outward form so that the Ego no longer could command the operations of the body.

You remember many changes in the life of that individual, physical, mental and emotional, but the person you knew persisted throughout all these changes. It was not just the body you loved, but rather the individual who animated it.

We know, from the researches of science, that nothing is ever lost in this Universe of Law. Neither can you, the individual, reason yourself out of existence. TRY IT! Try to believe yourself non-existent or dead and you will find the mental process impossible.

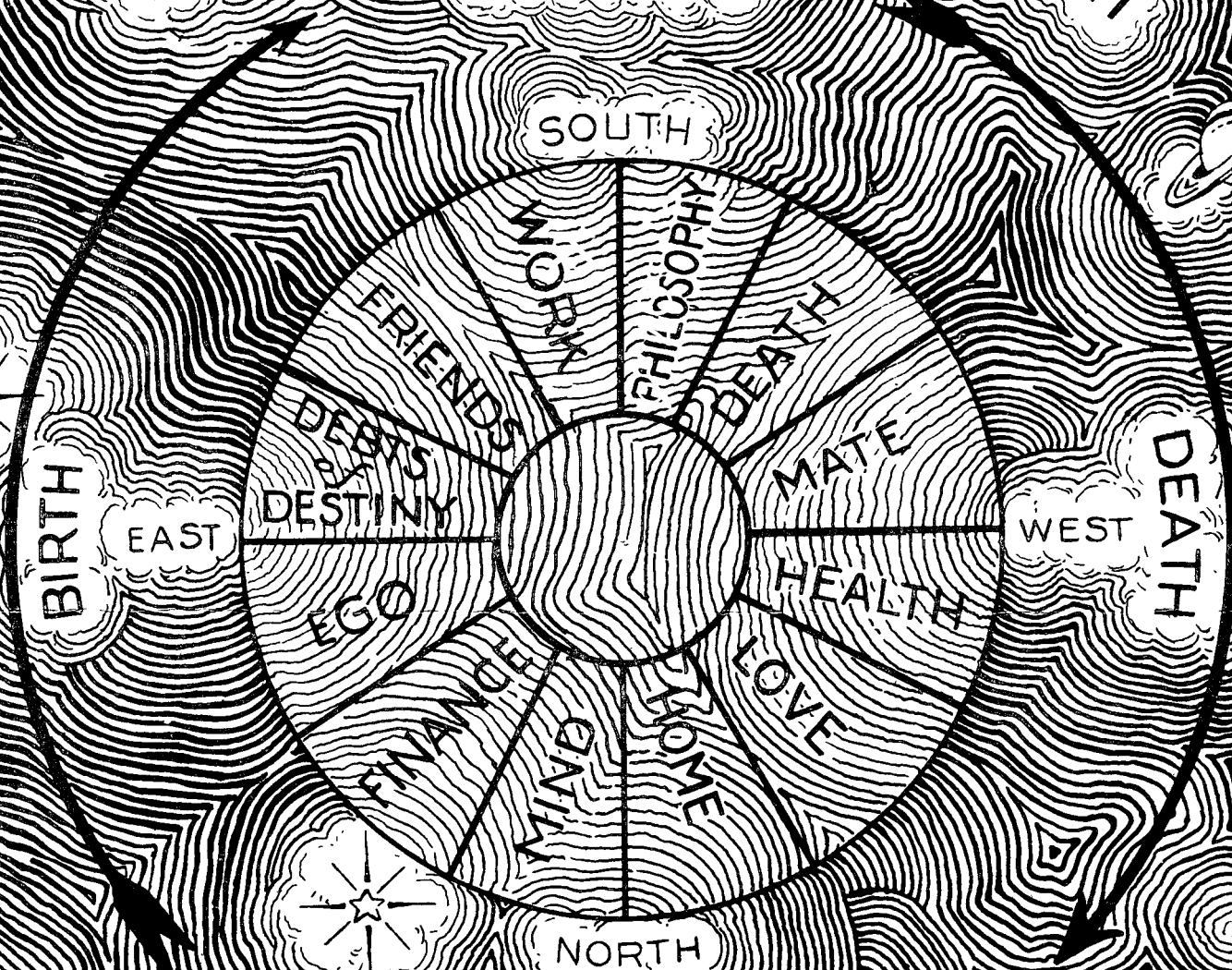
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In the idea of Rebirth we find a logical theory of the process of life and growth as it explains our personal conditions, our contacts with others and our latent or manifested abilities. Our acceptance or rejection of this teaching can neither make it true or false.

We have learned that rebirth means successive lives on earth, that it is apparently the great process of Nature following cyclic manifestation like the plant which develops from seed to plant, then to flower, to fruit and back again to seed finding physical expression after a period of rest.

This great truth has been taught by all great thinkers from the beginning of time. The philosophers have spoken of the human cycle of rebirth as THE WHEEL OF CHANGE OR THE WHEEL OF NECESSITY AND BIRTH.

THE WHEEL OF LIFE or REBIRTH



IMMORTALITY

In his magnificent book, THE LIGHT OF ASIA, Edwin Arnold writes:

If ye lay bound upon the wheel of change
And no way were of breaking from the chain,
The Heart of Boundless Being is a curse.
The Soul of Things fell Pain.

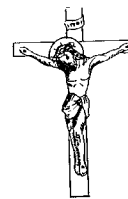
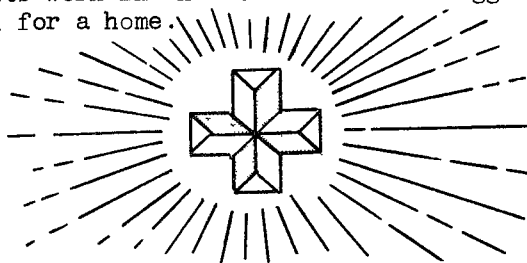
Ye are not bound! the Soul of Things is sweet
The Heart of Being is celestial rest;
Stronger than woe is will; that which was Good
Doth pass to Better--Best.

Ye suffer from yourselves. None else compels,
None other hold you that ye live and die,
And whirl upon the Wheel, and hug and kiss its
Spokes of Agony.
Its tire of tears, its nave of nothingness.

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Throughout all great religious, philosophical and scientific literature of the past do we find reference to this wheel of Life. In the Bible we read of the fiery wheels of Ezekiel which is none other than that "wheel" of the Universe which ancient astronomers and astrologers used to symbolize the development or progress of the human soul.

It is a strange thought that the arms of the wheel that correspond to the four cardinal points of the compass, east, south, west and north, also symbolize the four main elements of human life in the following order: the "I" or personality, its work in the world or the struggle for existence, its desire for a mate and for a home.

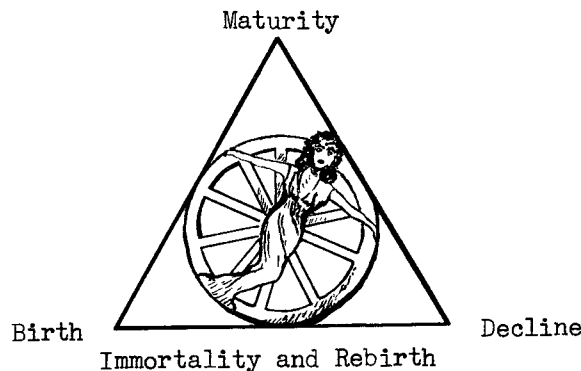


In the study of symbolic Mayanry we therefore find considerable evidence of the truth of this teaching, for the various sectors of the Wheel correspond to the various areas of human activity and interest.

In esoteric Mayanry the Soul is held to be tied to or incarnate in the mighty wheel of life. This is the real meaning of the religious teaching of the crucifixion. The Christ spirit in man is nailed to the cross of sentient life--the Wheel of Rebirth.

*embodied in
feeling or perception
having no other
no feeling*

We follow the turning of the great wheel from infancy to maturity - and then its downward cycle to decline and consequent rest.



In summing up the finer points of this great teaching there may be someone who will ask why it is that the soul must come back to life upon this physical plane of existence again? Why not to heaven or existence upon another planet?

It is written in the letters of fire that:

"WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP".

We know also in the realm of science that action and reaction are equal, and there can be no cause without its resulting effect.

This we have studied in earlier Revelations of The Mayan Order in the great teaching of ethical causation or karmic law - AS YOU SOW SO SHALL YOU REAP, taught the Nazarene. We are reaping today the effects of causes started in the distant past. It therefore appears that if our present status of mind, soul and body are the harvest of previous actions and thoughts, this law of Eternal Justice is the same today as it was yesterday and will be tomorrow.

BIRTH IS THEREFORE, WITH ITS CONSEQUENT CONDITIONS OF ENVIRONMENT, FAMILY AND PERSONAL APTITUDES, OPPORTUNITY OR ITS LACK, THE REAPING OF WHAT WE HAVE SOWN, THE PASSING OF THE SOUL AT DEATH IS ALSO A REAPING, FOR THE SOUL REALIZES ITS NEEDS AND THESE FIX THE SPAN OF ITS LIFE. ONCE ITS TASK IS DONE UPON THIS PLANE OF EXISTENCE IT PUTS ASIDE ITS WORK. TO THE SOUL, DEATH COMES NOT AS AN ENEMY, BUT A TRUE FRIEND.

Family ties, relationships, enemies, loves and hates, are also part of the Pattern of one's life when considered in relation to karmic justice, for all are reapings from other lives.

This is because we act with others and seldom alone, for man is not independent of his fellows.



The bond of Love is the strongest of bonds that tends to bring egos forming a group, family or nation together again. You, the Ego, have passed through many lives, bridged the gaps between, even as you bridge the interval between sleep and waking.

You are not "dead" when you sleep. The body is not conscious but rather unresponsive to sensation and the brain released from the active control of mind, "dreams". During this period of physical rest you did not cease to be and also between lives on earth you do not cease to be.

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IT IS TRULY WRITTEN THAT:

THE NIGHT TIME OF THE BODY

IS THE DAY TIME OF THE SOUL


IN DREAMLESS SLUMBER, THE SOUL CONTACTS PLANES OF PURE SPIRIT THAT ARE ITS NATURAL HABITAT AND, FOR A TIME, LIVES ON THE SOUL SIDE OF LIFE. YOU DO NOT REMEMBER THESE EXPERIENCES AS THERE IS NO WAY THEY MAY AFFECT OR IMPRESS YOUR BRAIN SAVE THROUGH FEELING OR INTUITION. THE BODY RESTS AND THE TRUE INNER MAN LIVES FOR A TIME MORE VIVIDLY THAN USUAL. ALSO IN THE GREATER CYCLE OF LIFE AND DEATH DOES THIS CORRESPONDENCE APPLY.

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Let us pause here a while and meditate upon these thoughts, that they may bear fruit in wisdom. Then, in a few days, a short and further summation will be sent to you for your future thoughtful and wise consideration.

In the meanwhile, wonderful things are being prepared for you as you pass through the portals into higher degrees.

We will close this monograph then with thoughts of Love and Prayers, for Grace directed toward you, Beloved, whose Companionship we cherish as we journey onward together into the eternal mystery.

We are with you in .

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